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Chattanooga National Guard soldiers to be honored at "Freedom Salute" Saturday

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Army National Guard soldiers from Chattanooga's Headquarters, 196th Field Artillery Brigade, will be recognized during "Freedom Salute" ceremonies Saturday, January 6, at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn.

Approximately 100 Guard soldiers from the Chattanooga area, plus their families, will be honored at the program set to begin 1:00 p.m. in the hotel auditorium located at 1400 Market Street.

The Guardsmen were deployed for a period of 15 months, almost all of which was spent in the mountains of Afghanistan. They left Tennessee in April, 2005, and the last unit members returned in July of 2006.

Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, Tennessee's Adjutant General, will be on hand to present each soldier with a beautiful cased American Flag, a ceremonial coin, a medallion, and lapel pins to commemorate their service to their country.

The prestigious Minuteman Statue and a framed flag mosaic will be presented to two persons from the community for their support of the Hamilton County soldiers and their families during the deployment.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all ceremonies.

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